

What is claimed is:

1. A developing roll comprising a shaft, an innermost layer provided on an outer peripheral surface of the shaft, an intermediate layer provided on an outer peripheral surface of the innermost layer and an outermost layer provided on an outer peripheral surface of the intermediate layer, the intermediate layer including an ionic conductive agent and carbon black and having a volume resistivity (ρ_v) of not more than $1.0 \times 10^6 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$ and the outermost layer having a volume resistivity (ρ_v) of 1.0×10^7 to $1.0 \times 10^{13} \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$.

2. A developing roll as set forth in claim 1 wherein the ionic conductive agent is present in an amount of 0.5 to 10 parts by weight and carbon black is present in an amount of 20 to 50 parts by weight, respectively, relative to 100 parts by weight of a main component for forming the intermediate layer.